

22 April 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

THROUGH : Mr. Lloyd

SUBJECT : Comments of Director of Security re: Regulation
[redacted] "Limitations on Outside Activities."

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1. You will recall your feeling that certain provisions of this Regulation, especially those pertaining to private foreign travel of Agency personnel, had too much of the "Big Brother is watching you" flavor (c.f., Section 5.c.(2)) You returned it to Colonel Edwards for a reading, and now he returns it to you with a slight modification of the section at hand, and asks that it be signed without further amendment.

2. What Colonel Edwards has done is to inject a note of understanding and flexibility into the discussion as he sets it forth in his covering memo. I am not as sure that this shines through in the revised Section 5.c.(2) where the bald phrase: "Deviations from the scope of the approved travel are prohibited," is modified by the sentence:

"In this connection, instructions regarding unforeseen changes in itinerary will be covered in the security briefing of the employee."

3. However, I have gone once around the track with Security Control Staff again in an effort to secure a more charitable amplification, and while I understand their viewpoint and they mine, they stick by their position that they cannot modify it further without destroying it entirely. I believe that the sole reason for this restrictive clause lies in the second paragraph of Colonel Edwards' memo to you; i.e., he is necessarily against "deviations from itinerary" that might lead an employee into a critical area or into a Soviet controlled zone. Were it just a matter of keeping people on the right side of the Soviet fence, I think that could be spelled out. But since the term "critical area" may, under certain circumstances, be anyplace in the world, and its interpretation even varies with the particular job of a particular employee traveling on his own, I am forced to agree that to tone this down too much would leave loopholes that might bring trouble.

4. Therefore, I see no other course than to accept the revision as here presented. Accordingly, recommend signature.

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